RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I may also say, Sir, that Government have received, since they decided the question, representations from the officers concerned; and the matter may have to be reconsidered in the light of these representations.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Rural*): May I take it that the Government are now satisfied that they have been in the wrong?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Far from it. When an officer is punished or is not given his due promotion, he usually sends in revision petitions and memorials for a reconsideration of his case. In such cases, even after a decision has been arrived at, Government may reconsider the original decision if any fresh facts are brought to light.

PRESIDENT: Members should not import their own inferences. All that the Government member said was that, although the Government have decided the case and awarded punishments as they considered fit, it has again come up before them in that those who were punished have submitted memorials and that the matter is therefore receiving their consideration once more. That does not mean that the Government have felt that they were wrong.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*): May I know whether there have been other cases of similar confidential punishments in the past?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): May I know at least the kind of punishment, fine, suspension, warning, etc.? (*Laughter.*)

PRESIDENT: I do not think that you can succeed, Mr. Sivatanu Pillai. The Government member has already told you that he cannot disclose what the punishment is.

Complaints against the authorities of the Women and Children's Hospital, Trivandrum.

225. *MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether petitions from Mr. K. R. Das, ('Aloomood, Statue Road,') Trivandrum, complaining against the authorities of the Women and Children's Hospital, Taikad, Trivandrum were received by—

(i) the Dewan,
(ii) the Chief Secretary to Government, and
(iii) the Darbar Physician

in December 1933 or after that:

(*b*) if so, whether any action has been taken on that; and

(*c*) if not, why not?

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RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) In view of the answer to part (*b*) this does not arise.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know the allegations contained in the petitions?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Sir, this is practically a part of the previous question. As I have repeatedly stated, Government treat the whole case as confidential; and I do not think that I will be justified in disclosing the contents of the petitions.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): I want only the allegations in the petitions certainly the petitions cannot be said to be confidential I think they have been published.

PRESIDENT: The parties might have published them. But Government treat them as confidential.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): I am not asking for any information about the case. I want only the chief allegations in the petition.

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): There is another question coming up later on as to whether Government will place the petitions on the table; and Government propose to give a negative answer to that question. I do not think therefore that I can now disclose the contents of the petitions.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Can a subsequent question be anticipated in answering a question?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I say the allegations contained in the petitions cannot be disclosed.

PRESIDENT: The Government member was just referring to the answer to another question.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): With reference to part (*b*), may I know what action was taken on the matter?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Government enquired into the allegations and meted out such punishment as they deemed necessary.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): May I ask whether the enquiry was conducted by the Darbar Physician?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): May I know whether the Darbar Physician investigated into the matter in accordance with the rules?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It must be presumed that he did so.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): May I know whether the parties concerned were allowed to examine each other?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

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MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): May I know whether any written statements were recorded?

PRESIDENT: That question has already been answered.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): May I know the names of the officers against whom allegations were made in the petition?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I have stated more than once that the whole case is treated as confidential. I cannot therefore answer this question.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): May I know whether any notice of suit has been received by Government in regard to this matter?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I am not quite sure about it. It may have been received.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara I*): May I know whether the Darbar Physician submitted first an interim report and then a final report?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara I*): May I know whether some of the conclusions in the interim report were modified in the final report?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Reports of Heads of Departments are confidential.

PRESIDENT: Question No. 226.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know——

PRESIDENT: I have called the next question.

Complaints against the authorities of the Women and Children's Hospital, Trivandrum.

226. ***MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI** (*Quilon I*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Darbar Physician has been asked by Government to enquire into the allegations contained in the petitions submitted by one Mr. K. R. Das, (Aloommood, Statue Road) to the Chief Secretary to Government?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know whether the Government gave any direction to the Darbar Physician in regard to the conduct of the enquiry?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): He was asked to enquire and submit a report; no special direction was given.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know whether Government thought it advisable to be satisfied with an enquiry by the Darbar Physician alone?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I do not follow the question.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know whether Government consider that a mere departmental enquiry by the Darbar Physician alone would be sufficient?

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